

### **3.2. Cammeray Park Usage and Extension of Operating Hours**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

**PURPOSE:**

To present information on the requirements to extend the hours of use at Cammeray Park Sportsfield.

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This report presents information on the requirements to extend the hours of use under the current Development Application (DA) conditions at Cammeray Park Sportsfield.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

No funding has been allocated to this project

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** The report be received.

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### **1. Our Living Environment**

#### **1.4 Well utilised open space and recreational facilities**

## **BACKGROUND**

In 2013 under Development Application number 207/13 approval was given to proceed with the installation of a Synthetic Turf Sportsfield at Cammeray Park. The hours of operation statement of the DA are as follows:

“The football field shall only be used for training or matches between the hours of 8am- 9pm Monday to Friday and 8am – 5pm Saturday and Sunday. During those times the field shall only be used for such purposes for a maximum of 62 hours each week”.

A resolution at the Sport and Recreation reference group meeting on the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2016 that was adopted by Council at its meeting in November proposed to lodge a section 96 for an extension of hours of use at Cammeray Oval.

This section 96 was lodged on the 17<sup>th</sup> of January 2017 in relation to Development Application (DA) number 207-13.

The amendments related to altering the current operating hours of the Sportsfield. There were no changes to the use of the site or the maximum weekly hours (62) available.

After a successful 12 month trial period the changes to the hours in which user groups will be able to book and use Cammeray Park Sportsfield are currently as follows

- 7.00am-9.30pm Monday-Friday and
- 8.00am-9.00pm Saturday only

At the Sport and Recreation reference group meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> of May 2022 Mr Simon Cox (President of North Sydney United Football Club) discussed the potential to utilise the Cammeray Park Sportsfield lights on a Sunday evening until 6.45pm. It was resolved to recommend:

**1. THAT** a report come back to the next meeting advising of the requirements of the changes to the DA and the time frame for allowing floodlights at Cammeray Park until 6.45pm on a Sunday night between 1 April and 31 August each year to allow for an extra Senior Women’s Competition Football fixture.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement will be undertaken in accordance with Council’s Community Engagement Protocol.

## **DETAIL**

To implement this change a new DA would need to be lodged. This would involve the engagement of an external consultant to prepare a Statement of Environmental Effects (SEE). The SEE will need to include reports on the Lighting, Acoustic and Traffic information of the site.

The original reports undertaken for DA 207-13 can be utilized however they will need to be assessed by the external consultant. Upon assessment addendums or compliance letters will need to be issued in line with the original reports.

The DA would then be assessed by the North Sydney Local Planning Panel for determination. This is a panel of independent experts with the authority (NSW Govt mandate) to consider and determine DAs on behalf of Council and provide advice on other planning matters, including planning proposals.

The whole process would be expected to take up to 6 months at an approximate cost of between \$10,000.00 - \$15,000.00.